



*I feel my own force bearing fruit,
Growing strong to give me to the world;
I feel my own being gaining power,
Turning to clarity
In the weaving of life's destiny.*

Rudolf Steiner Calendar of the Soul



NEWSLETTER

DIARY OF DATES

Fridays term 2 from 20 th May	3 pm Cake stall fundraiser
Tuesdays 31 st May, 14 th & 28 th June	Craft group meeting – all welcome
Monday 23 rd May	5:30 pm Board meeting
Thursday 9 th June	5:30 pm Proprietors meeting
Friday 24 th June	The new Matariki public holiday
Saturday 30 th July	Working Bee

Playgroup dunedinsteinerplaygroup@gmail.com

Mondays and Wednesdays 9:30 to 11:30 am

Kia ora koutou e te whānau,

Seems like a lot has happened.

Firstly Covid. We are reaching the point where we all know people who have/had Covid or are isolating.

It has been an easy stream to stem with a resource of good relievers. One has the feeling it is still with us so **we continue to mask up and be conscious**. Now the extra possibility of the winter flu brings new challenges.

Thank you for your part in protecting our children and staff by keeping children at home and informing us. Please continue to encourage them to wear masks in school as we need to protect each other in the close environments.

A huge thank you for the wonderful engagement on Saturday at the Working bee.

What a difference the fence has made. It looks like the grounds are, if anything, bigger. The children seem to love it.

The school pupils are keen to get into the newly acquired piece that the Kindy gave us and once worked over, that will add to our wonderful playground.

Speaking of Playgrounds: we had a busy day on Sunday in our Joint meeting where we looked at the grounds and started to conceive a development plan embracing the whakapapa of the place, the history of the land and who has crossed it and the special character of the school. How do we express our values and find a harmonious expression in the land itself bearing in mind that it is a much loved playground? It was a well-attended meeting with work arising which will be shared with the school community around mid-winter.

Meanwhile we still have a missing vacuum cleaner. Anyone with a lead, please let us know (No pun intended, we want the whole vacuum cleaner).

The new classrooms are working very well for the older classes.

Around the bottom of the new classrooms there is still work to be done so it needs to be out of bounds till a good surface is made. There are still a few details to finalise on the new build but so far we are managing splendidly.

Best wishes to you all; keep well and keep warm,

Pene Johnstone

Primary School Health and Safety Policies and Procedures Review

Just another reminder that the primary School teachers have reviewed all our Primary School policies and procedures relating to Health and Safety and we would like feedback from our community. The policies and procedures are available on our website for your review. There are also hard copies in the office reception. **Please have a look and get back to me by 9am on 19th May** so that we can review any feedback prior to our Board meeting on 23rd May.

The website link is <https://www.dunedinsteiner.nz/policies-and-procedures.html>

These procedures cover a wide range of matters – from ensuring we have your written permission for a child to have an inhaler at school, to what we do in case of a fire, and how we practice for it. We also show our approach to behaviour management, safety on outside the classroom experiences, our approach to sexuality education, sun safety, illness and first aid.

Please get back to me with any questions or feedback.

Kā mihi, Clare

Cake Stall Fundraiser

Starting this Friday after school, class Pīwakawaka will be holding a cake stall.



Weleda Fundraising Order

Christine Schlegel will be placing an order with Weleda. We do an order with Weleda once a term. This is a bulk order, which is also a little fundraiser for the school. Best of all, all items only cost 78% of the recommended retail prices (RRP) for you, so it's way cheaper than in the shops.

There is a little selection available in the craft shop. For the whole selection of products or if you have any questions, please check the list at the office or contact Christine via email (gibbonics@gmail.com). Orders can be sent to Christine's email address until Saturday, the 21th of May. Thank you.

SCHOOL NEWS – CLASS KERERŪ

Kia ora from Class Kererū,

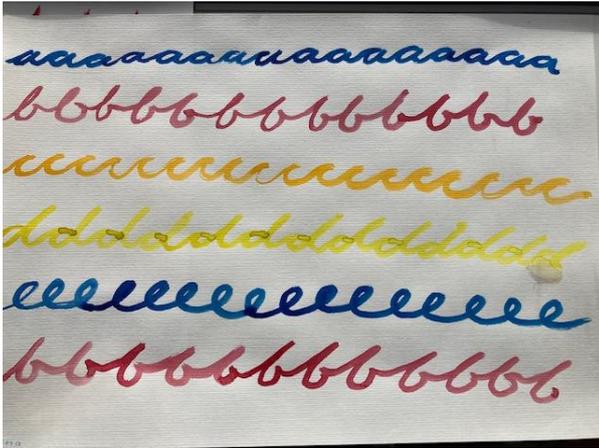
We have been having Lots of fun this term discovering the history of writing.

Hieroglyphics and cuneiforms using natural dyes and tools from our school grounds and then inscribed in clay:





Working towards our pen licenses



Lots of painting exploration with landscapes and the aid of our amazing view from the new classroom!!



KINDERGARTEN NEWS

Dear Kindergarten whānau,

Here is an article we would like to share with you:

WHY WARMTH IS SO IMPORTANT [HTTPS://CAPEBYRONSTEINER.NSW.EDU.AU](https://CAPEBYRONSTEINER.NSW.EDU.AU)

It is really important to nurture and protect your warmth. Warmth deserves more attention than it usually gets. Warmth holds a very special place in the life of both the developing child and the adult, because it works throughout the entire spectrum of human experience. There is physical warmth, emotional warmth—the warmth of love, of generosity, of true morality—and all of these “warmths” pour over and merge with each other. Perhaps most importantly, warmth is the essential ingredient in transformative work. Without warmth we cannot change, and our life is full of processes of growth and adaptation. Warmth helps us be healthy human beings on many different levels.

We actually already know warmth very well, but too often we think of it in mundane ways. Consider for a moment your kitchen and how you cook. Warmth allows different objects and ingredients to be blended, to develop whole new flavors, and to become well integrated. While this may seem like a simplistic example, the human being is actually continuously called on to integrate: to become comfortable in new situation, to penetrate and maintain the substances we take into our body, just generally to develop a sense of security and understanding about all the new and unusual experiences life brings. To bring what is in, out; to make what is foreign, one’s own. Warmth is essential in that process.

Waldorf teachers and Anthroposophic physicians have been talking about the importance of warmth for almost 100 years, out of the understanding that fostering physical warmth helps us better integrate on physical, developmental, emotional and spiritual levels. And while it is an understanding born out of many ancient healing traditions, it continues to be “proven” in the 21st century:

To read the full article from *The Denver Center for Anthroposophic Therapies* which includes tips on maintaining your child’s health through warmth please click this [link](#)

With love, *Julie on behalf of the kindergarten teachers.*

PLAYGROUP

Kia ora koutou,

Playgroup is taking place from our school and kindergarten grounds in Maia.

We meet on Mondays and Wednesdays from 9:30 to 11:30 am. Inquiries to dunedinsteinerplaygroup@gmail.com

Ngā mihi nui, *Miriam, Mikiah & Alida*

CRAFT GROUP

Hi all, Craft group meetings started yesterday and will be taking place every second Tuesday during the term. We will be meeting in the beautiful room opposite the staff room and our first project will be making winter items.

Come join us after drop off for a lovely couple of hours of craft making, community and a cuppa. All levels welcome!

Future dates for this term will be: 31st May, 14th June, 28th June

Cheers, Jen and Miho

Contact Jen at jenwigleypiano@gmail.com with any enquiries

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Community notices in our newsletter will normally appear for one week only and may be edited to accommodate space. If you wish to place a notice please email your notice to office@dunedinsteiner.nz. We charge \$10 for an advert and need ads in by the Monday prior to the Wednesday publication date. You can pay by direct internet banking to 03-0903-0437318-00

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Conscious Movement 6 week course begins Thursday 26th May: Our bodies hold the key to unlocking new ways of thinking, moving & being. In giving ourselves the opportunity to dive deep into our own inner experiences, we are able to deepen relationship with ourselves, explore what lies there, and move beyond. Join me for this deep dive into our own inner landscape through movement, breath awareness, playfulness, image and more. All welcome, no experience necessary. Contact Miriam Marler 02041663447 miriamoon@gmail.com

new participants welcome!

experience the currents of your inner world...

CONSCIOUS MOVEMENT

6 week course begins May 26
* 7 pm | 90mins *
Venue TBC

move play connect sense feel dance breathe be

Movement with Miriam
registrations: miriamoon@gmail.com / 020 41 663 447

